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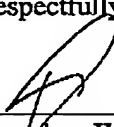
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement of January 25, 2006, applicant hereby elects Group II, claims 17-32 for prosecution. Examination is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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